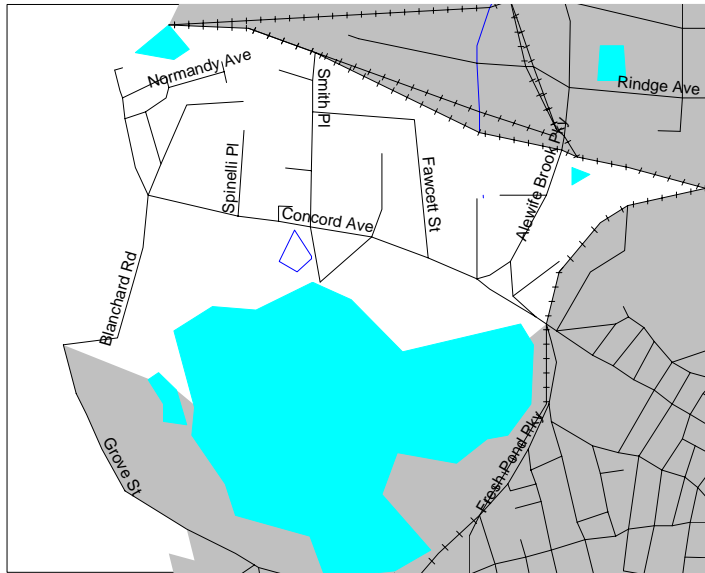
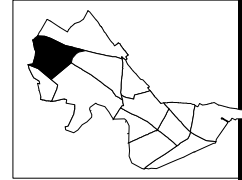


NEIGHBORHOOD 12 HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 673 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

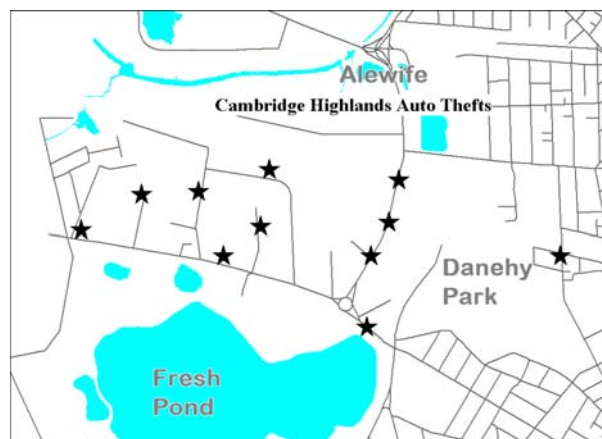
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2000 - 2004

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	0	0	3	3	1
Street Robbery	1	0	1	1	1
Auto Theft	12	11	3	4	12
Larceny from MVs	19	14	15	16	22
Malicious Destruction	26	14	31	30	42
Drug	3	4	1	1	1

2004 YEAR END REVIEW

- Auto thefts** had been on a decline in Cambridge Highlands between 2002 and 2003, but between 2003 and 2004 incidents increased by eight thefts. This brought auto thefts in this neighborhood to the level it was at in the beginning of the decade. Three of the stolen cars were Honda's, and of all the stolen motor vehicles, three quarters have been recovered. Multiple incidents were recorded in the Alewife Brook Parkway retail center.

- Only one **housebreak** was reported in this neighborhood in 2004. The incident took place early in September and involved unlawful entry to an apartment from which jewelry was stolen. Housebreaks are rare in this neighborhood; because it is not as much a residential area as other neighborhoods thus numbers reported here annually are low.



- One significant **larceny from motor vehicle** pattern emerged in this neighborhood in the summer, between June and July. The incidents all took place at the Alewife Brook Parkway parking lots. High-end vehicles were being targeted in these incidents (i.e. Lexus and Mercedes) and various properties were being stolen. The arrest of a group led to the end of this pattern.
- Similar to larceny from motor vehicle, **malicious destruction of property** was concentrated in the large parking lots of the Alewife Brook Parkway retail district. Three sprees were identified throughout the year. The first took place overnight on New Years Day, when nearly a dozen vehicles had their tires slashed. Another emerged in mid-June, when car windows were being broken. The June pattern was related to the larcenies taking place during the same period. Lastly in mid-October there were several window damage incidents in a small spree. The parking lots at these locations are easy targets for larceny from motor vehicle and vandalism because of the high volume of vehicles available to the opportunistic criminal.
- The lone **drug** arrest in Cambridge Highlands took place in mid-March, when a patrol officer observed individuals in a parked motor vehicle conducting a transaction of marijuana.
- Only one **street robbery** was reported in 2004. The incident took place mid-April when a suspect accosted a victim in an ATM booth demanding money. The suspect fled with several hundred dollars in cash, and no injuries were reported.

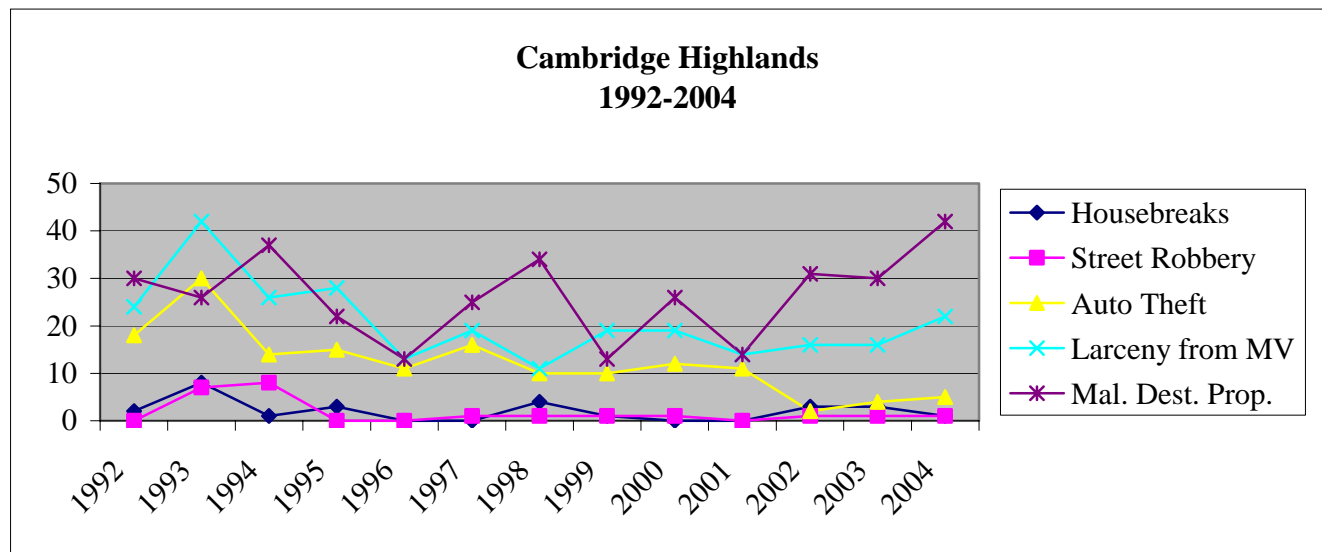
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981-1990</i>	<i>Rank '81-'90*</i>	<i>1992-2003</i>	<i>Rank '92-'03*</i>	<i>Rank 2004*</i>
Housebreaks	6	13	2	11	13
Street Robbery	8	12	2	12	13
Auto Theft	54	11	13	12	11
Larceny from MVs	38	12	21	10	11
Malicious Destruction	28	12	25	10	10

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larcenies from persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocketpickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



2003 YEAR END REVIEW

The quiet Cambridge Highlands neighborhood in 2003 saw a year almost perfectly consistent with 2002's patterns. Once again, the Highlands experienced a relatively high number of acts of vandalism (**malicious destruction of property**). Although there were no glaring sprees of vandalism in this neighborhood last year, the 100-200 block of Alewifebrook Parkway remained the major hotspot, particularly the parking lot at 168 Alewifebrook Parkway. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** have remained steady over the last five years in the Highlands. These were focused on the parking lots around the Fresh Pond Mall, the usual hotspot for this crime. The vast majority (14 of 16) occurred during weekends, when the mall's lots are especially packed. • **Auto theft**, once fairly common in the Highlands, was again very low with only four incidents reported in 2003. Two of these resulted in recoveries, one in Wellesley and one in Brighton. One of the stolen cars had been left unlocked. • The only **drug arrest** in 2003 was a result of an investigation into a New York-based ecstasy dealer, who was found with 1556 ecstasy pills in his car at 186 Alewifebrook Parkway after agreeing to sell them to undercover detectives for \$10,000. • The thinly populated Highlands annually records a low number of **housebreaks**. There were three incidents this year, two of which occurred in a four-day period at the same residence on Concord Avenue. The last of these incidents, which was the only successful housebreak in the neighborhood in 2003, resulted in the arrest of a homeless man. • The neighborhood's only **street robbery** occurred in the Fresh Pond Mall parking lot. Three males stole the victim's cell phone and fled into Danehy Park.